THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):

(a) No such proposal has been received in the Department of Electronics.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Collected Works of Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant

1431. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the project on Collected Works of Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant;

(b) when the project was started and the time likely to to be taken for its completion;

(c) whether any volumes of Pantji's writings and speeches have been published so far; and

(d) what are the details of the research staff engaged on the project, including their qualification, experience and the work done by each so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The Project is for the collection, editing and publication of the writings and speeches of Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

(b) The project was started in April, 1988 and is likely to be completed by 1996.

(c) No. Sir, not in this project.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

The following research staff is in position in the project under the overall supervision of the Hony. Chief Editor, Shri B. R. Nanda, eminent historian, biographer of Mahatma Gandhi Jawaharlal Nehru and the Founding Director of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.

1. Executive Editor: Dr. D. N. Panigrahi

He was appointed in June 1989. He was Deputy Director of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library and was associated with the editing of the Selected Works of Motilal Nehru. He also served as Director of Library, and Research and Reference Service of the Parliament Secretariat before joining as Professor of Modern Indian History in the NCERT. He has authored and edited books on Indian nationalism and his researches relate mostly to hitsory, politics, economy and society of Uttar Pradesh.

2. Senior Research Officer, Shri Sangam Lal.

He joined the project in May, 1988. He was Associate Editor of selected Works of Jawaharlal Nehru and earlier, was associated with the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi.

3. Senior Research Officer, Shri S. P. Sah.

He was appointed in November 1988. He was in the Lok Sabha Secretariat and retired as Senior Editor He is the author of a biography in Hindi of Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

4. Asst. Research Officer, Shri T. K. Venkateswaran

He joined the project in September 1988. He holds a second class degree in M.A. (Modern Indian History) from the University of Rajasthan, and served as Secretary to Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library for nearly 20 years. This institution is the premier research centre on Modern Indian History in India. He is very knowledgeable about the sources of modern Indian History.

5. Asstt. Research Officer, Shri Deepak Jolly.

He joined the project in April 1988. He holds a high second class degree in M.A. (History) from University of Delhi, and before joining the Collected Works of Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant project was in the project for the exhibition of Mahatma Gandhi held as part of Festival of India in the Soviet Union.

The research staff in the project work as a team in the identification and collection of materials, from diverse sources, arranging and processing them for publication, work being allocated to each officer under the direction of the Chief Editor from time to time.

Realistic Fees for Technical Education

1432 MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 67 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th December, 1989 and state:

(a) whether a proposal to charge 'realistic fees' for technical education has been made and accepted by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Executive Committee of the All India Council for Technical Education has noted that the present fee structure in technical education institutions is mostly at pre-independence level and needs review. The estimated recurring expenditure for the training of an engineering and diploma holder is of the order of Rs. 12,000/- and Rs. 8,000/- per student per annum respectively. The minimum and desirable non-recurring expenditures required for establishing an engineering college are of the order of Rs. 6.65 crores and Rs. 7.59 crores respectively. The corresponding amounts for establishing a polytechnic are Rs. 3.87 crores and Rs. 4.91 crores respectively. The Commitee was of the view that there is an urgent need to bring fees in technical institutions at a reasonable level so that there is some rational relationship between the fees charged and the actual cost of training. The difficulty, however, is that the paying capacity of an average Indian is limited and if the fees are raised substantially, some loan arrangements to students will have to be made which could be returned over a period of time after they enter into employment. This will give opportunity to meritorious students, and not only to those who can afford to pay more fees. Such arrangements are under consideration.

Progress of District Level Planning

1433. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far in the District Level Planning as introduced by Government;

(b) what are the States where the schemes have been implemented so far; and

(c) whether any reports on the achievements under District Level Planning have been received from the States; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) District Planning bodies have been set up in all States except Arunachal Pradesh and Goa with a view to formulate the District Plans.

(c) Since this is a continuing process, the performance in this regard is discussed every year while deciding the Annual Plans. States have been requested to formulate District Plans so that there is a greater amount of integration of the District Plans with the State Plan.

Montreal Protocol

1434. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the countries which participated in 1987 Montreal Protocol:

(b) what are the details of the discussions held there: